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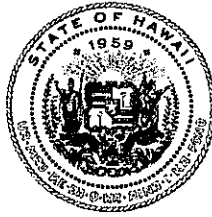
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Testimony for HAW 3/21/2012 9:00:00 AM HCR86

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 60/ HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 86
URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE MOKAUEA ISLAND AS A
CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE AND INCLUDE MOKAUEA ISLAND
ON THE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

House Resolution 60/House Concurrent Resolution 86 seeks formal recognition from the State on the educational and cultural importance of Mokauea Island to Native Hawaiians and the rest of the state. It also seeks recognition for the Mokauea Island on the State and National Registers. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) takes no position on these resolutions and offers the following comment.

The Department State Historic Preservation Division currently has in place a process for nominations to the State and National Registers. Nomination forms are available on our website, and the Department encourages the project proponents to call our office and speak with our staff to help them through the nomination process.

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HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

To: Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012
9:00 a.m.
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Subject: HR 60/HCR 86

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE MOKAUEA
ISLAND AS A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE AND
INCLUDE MOKAUEA ISLAND ON THE REGISTER OF HISTORIC
PLACES

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing with comments on HR 60/HCR 86 to recognize Mokauea Island as a cultural and educational resource and include Mokauea Island on the Register of Historic Places. While we support the intent, HHF recommends amendments to the resolution.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF's 850 members and numerous additional supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

The historic, cultural and natural resources of Hawai'i are a great legacy and irreplaceable treasures. HHF strongly supports measures that lead to preservation of Hawaii's historic places and that help keep their stories alive for present and future generations.

As O'ahu's last Hawaiian fishing village, and one of only two remaining in Hawai'i, Mokauea Island is a cultural treasure that is worthy of recognition, preservation and perpetuation. Its significant history and importance to the heritage of Hawai'i is clearly associated with the criteria for designation as a historic property on the state register of historic places, especially criterion A, "association with events that have contributed to the broad patterns of Hawai'i's history;" and criterion E, "important value to the native Hawaiian people ... due to associations with cultural practices once carried out, or still carried out, [that] are important to the group's history and cultural identity."

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.

However, Historic Hawai'i Foundation is concerned with the resolution's statement that the Hawai'i State and the National Registers of Historic Places should recognize Mokauea Island, which needs additional clarification that such recognition requires completion of a specific process and consistency with establish criteria and standards.

HHF feels strongly that the application and review procedures for designating properties to the state register of historic places should be followed carefully and thoroughly. HRS Section 6E-5.5 created the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, which is authorized to enter historic properties into the Hawai'i register of historic places. The Review Board is bound by procedures that include reviewing a complete nomination that includes legal descriptions; statements of historic significance; descriptions of character-defining features that comprise the historic significance and integrity; and sources of the ethnographic or historic basis to support the nomination's claims. The Review Board holds a public hearing on the nomination and makes findings based on the criteria contained in law. The Review Board may also recommend properties to the National Register of Historic Places, which also requires a nomination that is evaluated using federal criteria and procedures. These procedures ensure due process for owners and interested parties so fundamental fairness is retained.

While the proposed HR 60/HCR 86 is well intentioned in drawing attention to the historic significance of Mokauea Island, it inappropriately would circumvent the established processes and procedures for evaluating and designating historic properties established in HRS 6E. HHF feels strongly that the legislature should support these processes, which provide a framework that relies on professional judgment, a disciplined approach, and checks and balances that safeguard due process and ensure that preservation standards and criteria are met.

The legislature may encourage the department of land and natural resources to prepare such a nomination for Mokauea Island and to submit the nomination for the Historic Places Review Board to consider. Alternatively, the governor, upon the recommendation of the department of land and natural resources, also has the authority (HRS 6E-31) to declare by public proclamation historic properties that are situated upon lands owned or controlled by the state to be state monuments.

Therefore, HHF recommends that HR 60/HCR 86 be amended to encourage the State Historic Preservation Division to prepare and submit a nomination of Mokauea Island to be considered for designation on the Hawai'i State Register of Historic Places, and also to nominate it to the National Register of Historic Places.

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